

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An image forming apparatus, comprising:

an image forming section; and

a sheet feed apparatus aligned to feed a sheet to the image forming section and comprising

a sheet feed roller configured to be in pressing contact with an uppermost sheet of a plurality of sheets, and

a tilt member opposing the sheet feed roller, said tilt member including

a tilt member contact body including

a contact face in direct contact with the sheet feed roller,

a tilt face configured to be in contact with an edge of the uppermost sheet,

a back face,

a bottom face, and

a front face, the contact face extending from the back face to the tilt face, the tilt face extending from the contact face to the front face, the back face extending from the contact face to the bottom face, a thickness of the tilt member contact body that extends from the back face to the front face is less than a height of the tilt member contact body that extends from the contact face to the bottom face, and the tilt member contact body is made of a first material consisting of one of aluminum (Al),

poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK),
polyimide (PI), and
an alloy that contains polyimide (PAI); and
a tilt member support body made of a second material different from
the first material, said second material consisting of one of
an ABS resin,
polyacetal (POM),
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), and
polycarbonate (PC).

Claims 2-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said tilt member contact body is made of aluminum (Al).

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said tilt member contact body is made of poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said tilt member contact body is made of polyimide (PI).

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said tilt member contact body is made of an alloy that contains polyimide (PAI).

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body is made of an ABS resin.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body is made of polyacetal (POM).

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body is made of polybutylene terephthalate (PBT).

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body is made of polycarbonate (PC).

Claim 39 (Canceled).

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body includes a support face and two hooks that extend away from said tilt member support body in a direction that is substantially parallel to the support face, and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body includes a support face and two ribs that each include a front face that extends substantially parallel to the support face, and wherein the back face

of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body includes a support face and a top face that extends substantially perpendicular to the support face, and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the contact face of the tilt member contact body is substantially perpendicular to the back face of said tilt member contact body, and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts a support face of the tilt member support body.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): A sheet feeding apparatus, comprising:
a sheet feed roller configured to be in pressing contact with an uppermost sheet of a plurality of sheets, and
a tilt member opposing the sheet feed roller, said tilt member including
a tilt member contact body including
a contact face in direct contact with the sheet feed roller,
a tilt face configured to be in contact with an edge of the uppermost
sheet,
a back face,
a bottom face, and

a front face, the contact face extending from the back face to the tilt face, the tilt face extending from the contact face to the front face, the back face extending from the contact face to the bottom face, a thickness of the tilt member contact body that extends from the back face to the front face is less than a height of the tilt member contact body that extends from the contact face to the bottom face, and the tilt member contact body is made of a first material consisting of one of

aluminum (Al),
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK),
polyimide (PI), and
an alloy that contains polyimide (PAI); and

a tilt member support body made of a second material different from the first material, said second material consisting of one of

an ABS resin,
polyacetal (POM),
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), and
polycarbonate (PC).

Claim 45 (Canceled).

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said tilt member support body includes a support face and two hooks that extend away from said tilt member support body in a direction that is substantially parallel to the

support face, and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said tilt member support body includes a support face and two ribs that each include a front face that extends substantially parallel to the support face, and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said tilt member support body includes a support face and a top face that extends substantially perpendicular to the support face, and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the contact face of the tilt member contact body is substantially perpendicular to the back face of said tilt member contact body, and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts a support face of the tilt member support body.